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USDOC FOR BEWT (MURRIN)

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SUBJECT: FOOD PROCESSING S/ME AND OTHER 78/79

USCO PROGRAM

1. WE APPRECIATE USDOC'S RECRUITING EFFORTS FOR SEMINAR/MINI-EXHIBIT ON FOOD PROCESSING AND PACKAGING AND, PARTICULARLY FOLLOWING USCO'S OWN TELEX CAMPAIGN, APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED. MEANWHILE, SOVIET SIDE HAS BEEN DOGMATIC IN WANTING ONLY THOSE COMPANIES OR THAT EQUIPMENT IDENTIFIED IN EARLIER COMMUNICATIONS. IN VIEW OF THESE DIFFICULTIES, WE REPUCTANTLY CONCLUDE THAT ENTIRE FOOD PROCESSING THEME SHOULD BE DROPPED AT THIS TIME. THIS IS REGRETTABLE DEVELOPMENT NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS ALREADY EXPENDED BY BOTH USDOC AND USCO, BUT BECAUSE IT LEAVES MAJOR GAP IN 78/79 PROGRAM AND ALSO EXCLUDES IDEA OF KIEV SOLO ON SAME THEME FOR FOLLOWING YEAR.

2. REGARDING TIMING OF REMAINING DECEMBER EVENT, FERROUS METALLURGY, WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT RECRUITING HAS NOT BEEN EASY. WE WONDER WHETHER MOVING IT UP BY WEEK OR TWO WOULD BE USEFUL, PARTI-
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CULARLY IN LIGHT OF SHIFT IN TIMING OF PLASTICS PRODUCTION (REPORTED SEPT-EL) TO MID-NOVEMBER.

3. MOBILE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT REMAINS, WE FEEL A POTENTIALLY WORTHWHILE THEME, ALTHOUGH EARLIER USDOC COMMUNICATIONS IMPLIED THAT U.S. SUPPLIER UNIVERSE WAS LESS THAN EAGER. IF USDOC FEELS WE SHOULD PUSH AHEAD WITH THIS, WE WILL DO SO.

PLEASE ADVISE. WE NOTE THAT KIEV MIGHT BE POSSIBLE
SECOND SITE FOR THIS SHOW, AS UKRAINIAN MINISTRY
OF HEALTH SHOULD ENJOY SOME BUDGETARY AND
DECISION-MAKING AUTONOMY. SAME WOULD NOT APPLY
TO LENINGRAD, WHICH IS PART OF RUSSIAN REPUBLIC AND
UNABLE TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH
IN MOSCOW. MATLOCK

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